#### REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

#### CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of February 14th, 2005

# Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

## **Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On February 16, 2005, the Pima County, Arizona, Sheriff's Office requested the investigative assistance of the United States Marshal Service's District of Arizona to locate Donald Ray Palmer, who was wanted for the December 18, 2004 attempted murder of a female victim. Palmer allegedly drove up to the victim and shot her in the face. Additionally, Palmer was wanted by the state of Delaware for burglary. Investigators developed information that Palmer may be in Atlanta, Georgia and forwarded leads to the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF). Based on the leads, SERFTF investigators were able to verify that Palmer was indeed in Atlanta and set up surveillance on a residence where Palmer was believed to be staying. After confirming his presence, investigators entered the target apartment, and after a brief struggle, placed Palmer under arrest. Palmer has a criminal history that includes arrests for kidnapping, assault, and attempted murder. Palmer served 15 years in custody of the Arizona Department of Corrections for assault and kidnapping after shooting his former girlfriend.



Donald Ray Palmer

Wanted for Attempted

Murder

#### **Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On February 16, 2005, the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) arrested Larry Cameron, wanted by the Lake County, Indiana, Superior Court for multiple counts of child molestation. Cameron is alleged to have sexually molested, raped, and sodomized his 12-year-old stepdaughter from the age of five. The stepdaughter is pregnant and DNA test results show Cameron as the father. On February 11, 2005, the mother of the victim contacted the GLRFTF and requested assistance in apprehending the subject. Initial investigation revealed Cameron had fled to Chicago, Illinois. With assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, a possible address was developed for Cameron, which was later substantiated via additional sources developed by GLRFTF investigators. On February 16, 2005, members of the GLRFTF from Hammond, Indiana and Chicago, Illinois arrested Cameron at that address and transported him to the Chicago Police Department for processing and to await extradition to Lake County, Indiana.



Larry Cameron
Wanted for Child
Molestation

#### **Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On February 1, 2004, officers from the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department responded to G.W. Hospital for the report of a stabbing. Once on the scene, officers learned that the victim of the stabbing had died from his injuries. Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Violent Crimes Unit responded to a residence in N.W., Washington, D.C. and learned that Jose Robles, a member of the "Brown Union Gang," and the victim were involved in a physical altercation while playing cards. During the altercation Robles stabbed the victim several times in the upper torso. On February 2, 2004, a warrant was issued out of D.C. Superior Court, charging Robles with first degree murder. The following day, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force for apprehension. On February 15, 2005, investigators located and arrested Robles, who was hiding in the basement of a residence in Rockville, Maryland.

# Brown Union Gang Member



**Jose Robles** 

**Wanted for Murder** 

# New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On January 31, 2005, in the middle of the night, a 16-year-old Southampton female left her home and was lured to New Jersey by Lester Joy who had initiated a relationship with her over the Internet. On February 3, 2005, the Suffolk County, New York, Police Department requested the assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force to assist in the search for the missing female victim and locate and arrest Lester Joy. Joy, a convicted sex offender from Morristown, New Jersey, was recently released from prison following a sentence for sexual assault against a minor. The Task Force, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information that the victim had been in downtown San Antonio, Texas. Officials, however, were unable to locate her. On February 16, 2005, the female victim, after escaping from Joy, crossed over from Juarez, Mexico into El Paso, Texas and called her mother from a pay phone requesting to come home. While keeping her on the phone, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force was able to coordinate assistance from the Southwest Fugitive Task Force who located her a few blocks from the Mexican border. The victim informed the Task Force that Joy was working in a bar across the border in Juarez. Authorities in Mexico, at the request of the U.S. Marshals Service, Western District of Texas, expelled Lester Joy from Mexico through the international bridge connecting Juarez, Mexico to El Paso, Texas. Once on United States soil, Joy was arrested by Deputy United States Marshals and officers from the El Paso Police Department. Joy is awaiting extradition back to New Jersey and New York where he faces charges for rape, sodomy, dissemination of indecent information to a minor, and endangering the welfare of a child.



**Lester Joy** 

Wanted for Rape,
Sodomy,
Dissemination of
Indecent Information
to a Minor, and
Endangering the
Welfare of a Child

# **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On February 15, 2005, Alonzo Jefferson was arrested in Apple Valley, California, by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF), the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBSD). Jefferson was wanted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) pursuant to a June 2004 federal indictment for firearms violations. The indictment was a result of a lengthy joint investigation conducted by the ATF, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the (LASD) into the manufacture and distribution of PCP by Fruittown Piru gang members in Compton, who were also involved in numerous murders and assaults in connection with their ongoing drug trade. LASD investigators assigned to the PSWRFTF developed information that Jefferson was staying at a residence in the Apple Valley area and established surveillance. On February 15, 2005, the surveillance team observed Jefferson come out of the residence and arrested him with assistance from SBSD Deputy Sheriffs.



Wanted for Firearms
Violations